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IMAGE SCANNING AND PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD OF SCANNING AND PROCESSING AN IMAGE AND METHOD OF SELECTING ONE OF A PLURALITY OF MASTER FILES COMPRISING DATA ENCODING A SCANNED IMAGE

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